THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) In connection with the likely setting up of an ordnance factory, some State Governments, including Andhra Pradesh, were approached for offer of suitable sites. Government of Andhra Pradesh have offered a few sites, including three in Karimnagar District. These sites have since been visited by a Site Selection Committee and are being evaluated, alongwith others, in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

Complaints of army personnel

3027. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of statutory and non-statutory complaints submitted by army personnel during the last three years; and

(b) what is the break-up of the complaints which were decided after initial submission during the following time frame—within three months, within six months, within nine months, within one year and within more than one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Lease of Defence land with tea plantations

3028. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a substantially big area of Defence land with tea plantations near the abandoned Sookerating Airfield in Dibrugarh District of Assam had been leased out to some business firm at a negligible lease rent long back, if so, to whom and when, giving details of the terms of the lease;

(b) whether Government have failed to evict the said lease-holder, even after expiry of the lease agreement long ago; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have also not increased the lease rent for the last so many years, causing substantial loss of its revenue; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to expedite eviction of the said lease-holder who is reaping rich harvest at the cost of Government revenue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Land measuring 300.20 acres covered by tea bushes, near the abandoned Sookerating Airfield in Dibrugarh District, Assam was leased out to M/s. Bagrodia Tea Estate in March 1962 for a period of one year at a rent of Rs. 6,304.20 for agricultural tea garden purposes. The firm signed the memorandum for executing the lease but they failed to execute the lease on the terms and conditions as approved by the Govt. As such the lease deed was not executed.

(b) On expiry of the period of one year, the firm failed to vacate the land and filed civil suits from time to time in the Civil Court and obtained interim injuction orders restraining the Government